

## Indian "Chief" Fact Sheet:

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Chief Walker and his brother Arapene

"Mr. Madsen, were all of the Utah Indian chiefs friendly to the pioneer settlers?" Tom Bennett asked.

"No, Tom, they weren't. Don't you recall that we have already talked about Chief Walker, who was hostile to the pioneers? However, both Chief Walker and his brother Arapene were friendly part of the time," the teacher replied.

"Linda will give us a report on these two Indian chiefs."

Linda came forward and began, "Chief Walker was born in about the year 1815, while the tribe of Utes to which he belonged was camped on the banks of the Spanish Fork River in Utah County. He became one of the most noted among the Utah Indian chiefs.

"He was feared among the various tribes of natives, and the whites were not able to trust him. In 1853-1854, he led the Indians in a war against the Utah pioneers. It is known as the 'Walker War.' This Indian chief died the following year at Meadow, Utah.

"Arapene became chief when Walker died. He was cruel and passionate, and an enemy of the whites most of his life. Two years after the death of Walker, however, Chief Arapene changed his attitude toward the settlers of Utah. He became friendly. The Ute chief told the Mormon authorities at Manti that he had seen Chief Walker in a vision and that Walker had told him not to fight the Mormons. And so Chief Arapene remained peaceable with the pioneers until his death on December 4, 1860," Linda concluded. *Hunter p193*



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